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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

Monte G. Rydalch

Application No.: 10/686,546

Filed: October 14, 2003

For: DRILL-OPERATED TOOL TO  
ASSIST IN THE OPENING OF  
FIBER-OPTIC CABLES

Customer No.: 20350

Confirmation No. 3481

Examiner: Dondero, William E.

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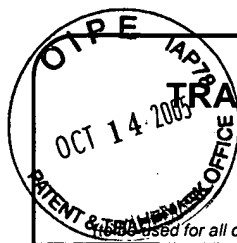
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**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.



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Filing Date	October 14, 2003
First Named Inventor	Rydalch, Monte G.
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Examiner Name	Not yet assigned
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